



CYRUS DALLIN ART MUSEUM Minutes



Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Members present: Tracy Skahan, Ellen Aamodt, Geraldine Tremblay, Sarah Burks, Mark DeCew at (7:51pm)

Others present: Peter Middleton

Start @ 7:10pm

Minutes:

1. Welcome

S. Burks welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Summary of Action Items from last meeting

On hold until next meeting.

3. Operations/Facilities

The back area (railing, walkway, and stairs) is all set per N. Blanton.

4. Approvals & Consents

On hold until next meeting.

No reimbursement requests. E. Aamodt suggested that the museum make a donation to the Arlington High School music program since they did such a great job at First Lights. She'll follow up with the Board of Directors.

5. Digital Programs & Outreach

- Online Metrics – S. Burks shared the PowerPoint with the metrics and G. Tremblay discussed her Medford interview.
- New online followers, trends - S. Burks shared the PowerPoint with the metrics.

6. Volunteers' Report

- General Volunteer Update – S. Burks noted that we hired a new Docent Coordinator: Emma Bresnan.

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7. Events

- First Lights report – E Aamodt said that there was a huge turnout for the First Lights event. G. Tremblay thought there were close to 500 attendees. E. Aamodt said that we notified the Arlington Police about the event. E. Aamodt didn't get to see the ice sculptures, but C. Luca took some good pictures. E. Aamodt said that the only wrinkle was that everything requiring electricity had to be within the distance to the front of the museum in order to use the outlet. G. Tremblay said that many parents indicated that this was a great idea and enjoyed the scavenger hunt, getting stickers, etc.
- Calendar of 2023 Events / Program Planning – S. Burks shared a potential calendar for 2023.
 - E Aamodt said we should remember that the Chamber organizes concerts on Wednesday nights in July. She said that we should try to work something into that event.
 - We discussed the walking tours and continuing them next year and member visits to other museums, etc.

8. News Media & Publicity

- News Releases – On hold until next month though S. Burks is going to ask S. Gilbert to get us copies of the most recent press releases.
- Upcoming publicity needs– On hold until next month
- Update from Amy about magazine article – S. Burks said that she and H. Leavell worked on the article. No news yet if it will be accepted.
- Annual report for Town Meeting in progress – S. Burks is working on this.
 - S. Burks is also going to review the expiration of our appointments and follow up later.

9. Arlington Engagement

- Business Community Update – E Aamodt said that the pub/brewery is now moving to Medford. She heard that Tatte might be opening a sandwich shop at Not Your Average Joe's old location.
- Planning Department Update – – On hold until next month

10. All Other Business

- Board of Directors updates: ACC Grant, Annual appeal
 - G. Tremblay went over the Annual Appeal numbers. E. Bresnan began as docent manager. We are in critical need of coverage in January and E. Bresnan is working on docent recruitment. P. Middleton said he spent 2.5 hours with E. Bresnan and said that he gave her a tour, showed her how to lockup, etc. Application for community preservation grant is December 19th; this is for the digitation and rehousing of Dallin's papers from Robbins Library. Annual Appeal reminder and newsletter will go out at the end of the month. We might get a statue of the Washakie Statue on loan. Instead of purchasing it at this time, we offered to take it on loan for 6 months and see if we can raise the money to purchase during that time. G. Tremblay said that she gave H. Leavall the Ann Hall one inch bunny to keep at the museum instead of at her home. M. DeCew said a group went and looked at the Mary Baker

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Eddy statue which is in storage. The only place we could put it outside because of its size and the stand. M. DeCew said it is a lovely piece and would likely need to be cleaned up a bit. It is too large to fit inside the museum. E Aamodt suggested we talk to the library about putting it inside their building or reaching out to the State House (Susan Vandecasteele) as well.

- S. Burks found a photo of a bronze of the harness Sunol racing (1893) and it is in NY. She also found a bowl that was done by Dallin and actioned off. She is going to try to find the catalog it was in.
- E Aamodt suggested that the Directors should plan expansion of the museum since we keep acquiring more pieces.
- Collections Committee visit to Boston
- Membership committee forming – S. Burks said that H. Leavell that we are forming this committee and if folks are interested in volunteering.
- Open Forum
 - G. Tremblay said that she hasn't heard from Arlington Cultural Council (may have to resubmit application) but said that she got a call from Peter Williams Studio (Jackie), who traditionally restored our paintings, and Peter is going to assisted living and closing the shop which means that Jackie is going to retire. G. Tremblay asked if Jackie could recommend someone and she didn't have anyone she could refer. G. Tremblay hoped that she would work part-time but she is going to fully retire. There is a plan to contact the ACC and ask if we can get an estimate from another painting restorer to resubmit with our application. G. Tremblay will pick up anything we have at the studio.
 - M. DeCew said that in the Native American Gallery we have the wall hanging; he thought maybe if we had smaller translucent that went over the window panes using smaller photographs of Dallin's work. He discussed with H. Leavell and she suggested we order one and see how it works out.

11. Identify new Action Items

On hold until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 10th at 7pm.